

## Message Text

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FM EEMBASSY CANBERRA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2077

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, AS

SUBJ: OPIC INVESTMENT INCENTIVE AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 227733

1. BASIS RENKEL EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED STATUS PROPOSED  
OPIC AGREEMENT WITH DEPARTMENT EXTERNAL TERRITORIES AND  
DEPARTMENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS. MATTER IS NOW ENTIRELY IN  
HANDS DFA IN VIEW ABOLITION DEPARTMENT EXTERNAL TERRITORIES  
DECEMBER 1 AND RELATED ASSUMPTION OF SELF GOVERNING STATUS  
BY PAPUA NEW GUINEA SAME DATE.

2. DFA WISHES TO RE-EXAMINE FILE IN DETAIL AND PROMISED  
TO DO SO. MEANWHILE, WHOLLY WITHOUT COMMITMENT, DFAEG  
INDICATED IT NOW  
VISUALIZED NO A PRIORI OBSTACLE TO  
CONCLUDE AN OPIC AGREEMENT. ITS PRIOR POSITION HAS  
APPARENTLY BEEN BASICALLY CHANGED BY THE FACT THAT PNG  
CABINET HAS APPROVED THE PROPOSAL IN PRINCIPLE AND  
SUPPORTS CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT.

3. BEFORE MAKING ANY COMMITMENTS HOWEVER DFA WISHES TO  
EXAMIN TEXT CLOSELY WITH SPECIAL REGARD TO (1) WHAT  
OBLIGATIONS IT WOULD PLACE DIRECTLY ON GOA AS DISTINCT  
FROM GOVERNMENT OF PNG; (2) THE QUESTION OF EXACTLY  
HOW ANY AGREEMENT WOULD DEAL WITH FACT THAT AUSTRALIA'S  
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LEGAL RELATION TO PNG WILL CHANGE FURTHER WHEN LATTER  
ASSUMES FULL INDEPENDENCE AT A DATE NOT NOW SPECIFIED  
BUT EXPECTED TO BE NOT LATER THAN END OF 1975.

4. TEXT NOW IN DFA'S POSSESSION IS DATED JUNE 1972.  
IF OPIC HAS A LATER DRAFT, OR EVEN BETTER IF IT CAN  
PROVIDE A DRAFT ADAPTED TO THE SPECIAL CASE OF PNG,  
TAKING ACCOUNT OF DFA CONCERNS LISTED PARA 3, EMBASSY  
REQUEST DEPARTMENT FORWARD IT PROMPTLY IN ORDER PROVIDE  
UPDATED BASIS FOR DFA REVIEW.

5. EMBASSY INFERS FROM TONE OF DFA PRELIMINARY COMMENT  
THAT LATTER IS PREDISPOSED TOWARD FAVORABLE ANSWER, ON  
PREMISE GOA FAVORS ACTIONS TO ENCOURAGE PNG INVESTMENT  
AND WILL NORMALLY ACCEDE TO STEPS FAVORED BY PNG TO THIS  
END. DFA WILL INSIST HOWEVER ON FULLY SATISFYING ITSELF  
THAT ANY AUSTRALIAN ROLE AS PARTY TO AGREEMENT (ACTING AS  
AGENT FOR PNG) WILL NOT ENTAIL TROUBLESOME OBLIGATIONS  
FOR GOA EITHER NOW OR AFTER EVENTUAL FULL PNG INDEPENDENCE.  
IT IS THEREFORE PROBABLE THAT GOA WILL TAKE AT LEAST MANY  
WEEKS TO SATISFY ITSELF ON THESE POINTS AND THAT FINAL  
CONCLUSION ON AGREEMENT, ASSUMING FAVORABLE DECISION,  
MIGHT THEREFORE TAKE SOME TIME.  
GREEN

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